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H. R. 2997

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2023

Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BUCK, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Mesa County, Colorado, certain Federal land in Colorado, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clifton Opportunities
5 Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or as the “CON-
6 VEY Act”.

7 SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL LAND TO MESA COUNTY,

COLORADO.

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) CLIFTON PARCEL.—The term “Clifton par-
2 cel” means the approximately 31.1 acres of Federal
3 land depicted as “31.1 Acres to be Conveyed to
4 Mesa County” on the map titled “Clifton Opportuni-
5 ties Now for Vacant Earth Yields (CONVEY) Act”
6 and dated February 27, 2023.

7 (2) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Mesa
8 County, Colorado.

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
11 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Secretarial
13 Order dated August 26, 1902, and the Secretarial Order
14 dated July 25, 1908, the Secretary shall convey to the
15 County, as soon as practicable, all rights, title, and inter-
16 est of the United States in and to the Clifton parcel.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under this sec-
18 tion shall be—

19 (1) subject to valid existing rights; and
20 (2) for not less than fair market value, as de-
21 termined in accordance with subsection (d).

22 (d) APPRAISAL.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The fair market value of the
24 Clifton parcel shall be determined by an independent
25 appraisal obtained by the Secretary.

1 (2) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—The appraisal re-
2 quired by paragraph (1) shall be conducted in ac-
3 cordance with the—

4 (A) Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-
5 eral Land Acquisitions; and
6 (B) Uniform Standards of Professional
7 Appraisal Practice.

8 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), the Secretary shall pay all costs associ-
11 ated with the conveyance required under subsection
12 (b).

13 (2) SURVEY.—The County shall pay all costs
14 associated with any survey conducted for the pur-
15 pose of accomplishing the conveyance required under
16 subsection (b).

17 (f) PROCEEDS FROM CONVEYANCE.—The proceeds
18 from the conveyance required under subsection (b) shall
19 be—

20 (1) deposited into the Federal Land Disposal
21 Account established by the Federal Land Trans-
22 action Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and
23 (2) available for expenditure under that Act.

24 (g) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall finalize a map and a legal description of all
4 land to be conveyed under this Act.

5 (2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of
6 a discrepancy between the map and the legal de-
7 scription created under paragraph (1), the map shall
8 control.

9 (3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and the
10 County, by mutual agreement, may correct any
11 minor errors in the map or the legal description cre-
12 ated under paragraph (1).

13 (4) MAP ON FILE.—The map and the legal de-
14 scription created under paragraph (1) shall be kept
15 on file and available for public inspection in each ap-
16 propriate office of the Bureau of Land Management.

